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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
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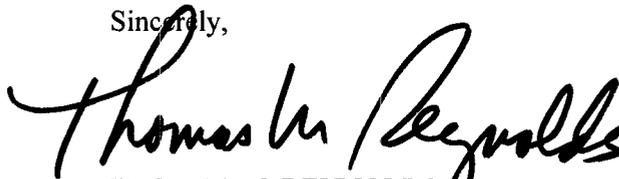
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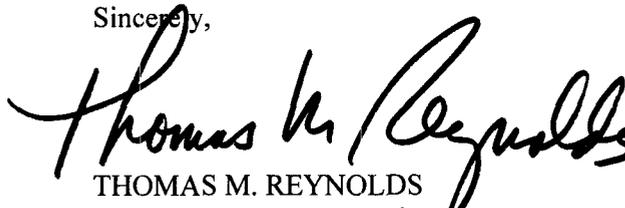
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General Lloyd. "Fig" Newton (USAF, Ret), Commissioner
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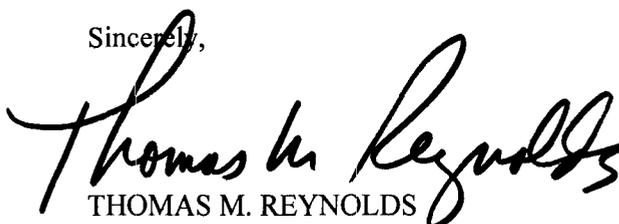
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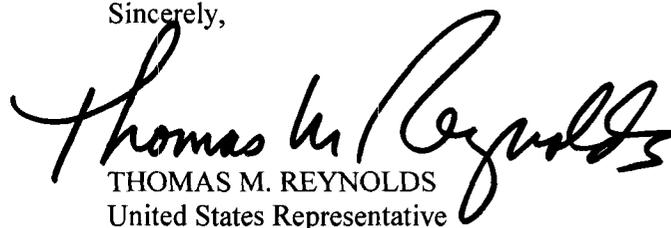
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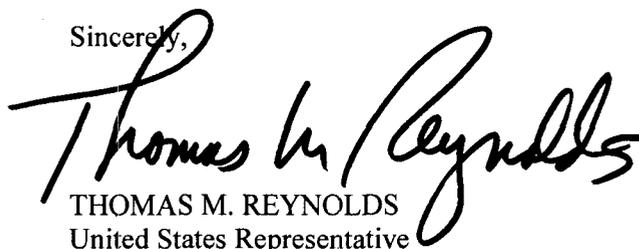
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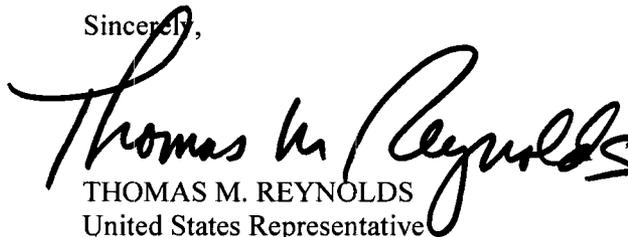
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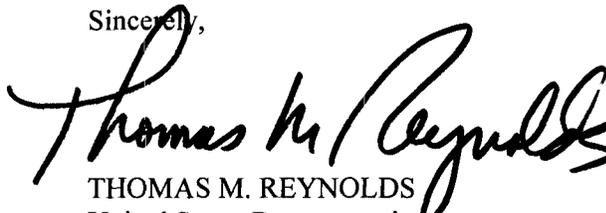
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